

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. P08836US00/BAS US APPL. NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/564358</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/AU2004/000943	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 13 July 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 14 July 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION: PROCESS FOR RECOVERY OF NICKEL AND COBALT BY HEAP LEACHING OF ....		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: MILLER et al		
Applicant herewith submits to the US Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 2. This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 USC 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 USC 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4. The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. has been communicated by the International Bureau</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ul> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6. An English translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a. is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. is not needed since the International Application is in English.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Appln. under PCT Article 19 (35 USC 371 (c)(3))                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> d. have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 8. An English translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 10. An English translation of the annexes to the Int'l Pre. Exam. Report under PCT Article 36 (35 USC 371(c)(5)).</li> </ul>		
Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11. An <b>Information Disclosure Statement</b> under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 12. An <b>Assignment</b> document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 &amp; 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 13. A <b>preliminary amendment</b>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 15. A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 16. A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 &amp; 37 CFR 1.821-825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> 19. A second copy of the English translation of the international application under 35 USC 154(d)(4).</li> <li>20. Other items or information:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Return Receipt Postcard.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee is authorized in 21(c).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
Date: January 12, 2006		

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<b>The following fees have been submitted:</b>				<b>CALCULATIONS</b>	<b>PTO USE ONLY</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 21. Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) <span style="float: right;">\$300</span>				\$300	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 22. Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c))					
<input type="checkbox"/> Written Opinion or IPER by US indicates all claims satisfy PCT Art. 33(1-4) \$0				\$200	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All other situations <span style="float: right;">\$200</span>					
<input type="checkbox"/> 23. Search fee					
<input type="checkbox"/> Written Opinion or IPER by US indicates all claims satisfy PCT Art. 33(1-4) \$0					
<input type="checkbox"/> Has been paid on the Int'l Appln. to the USPTO as ISA <span style="float: right;">\$100</span>				\$400	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Search Report prepared and provided to the Office <span style="float: right;">\$400</span>					
<input type="checkbox"/> All other situations <span style="float: right;">\$500</span>					
<b>TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23</b>				\$900	
<input type="checkbox"/> SIZE FEE: sheets - 100 = ÷ 50 = [rounded up] × \$250 =				\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Surcharge of \$130 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) <span style="float: right;">\$130</span>				\$	
<b>CLAIMS</b>	<b>NUMBER FILED</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA</b>	<b>RATE</b>		
Total Claims	18 - 20 =	0	X \$50 =	\$0	
Independent Claims	2 - 03 =	0	X \$200 =	\$0	
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)			+ \$360 =	\$	
<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>				\$900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status - 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above reduced by ½.				\$	
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Processing fee for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)) <span style="float: right;">\$130</span>				\$	
<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>				\$900	
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee for recording enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). Assignment must be accompanied by appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31) <span style="float: right;">\$40 per property</span>				\$	
<b>TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</b>				\$900	
<b>Amount to be</b>				<b>Refunded</b>	\$
				<b>Charged</b>	\$
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment of \$900 is made by attached Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required (except claims fees if the box below is checked) or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-0555. <input type="checkbox"/> Do not charge any claim fees now - any additional claims fees will be paid with the Missing Requirements.					
<b>NOTE:</b> Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.					
POWER OF ATTORNEY & CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:  <b>CUSTOMER NO. 00881</b>  Date: January 12, 2006			NAME: B. Aaron Schulman REG. NO.: 31,877  Signed (for) by: <u><i>B. Aaron Schulman</i></u> REG. NO.: 28,518		

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